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Australia's unemployment rate increased to 6.0 per cent in January 2014

Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.0 per cent in January, as announced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

The ABS reported the number of people employed decreased by 3,700 to 11,459,500 in January. The decrease in employment was due to decreased full-time employment, down 7,100 people to 7,953,000, offset by increased part-time employment, up 3,400 to 3,506,500. The decrease in total employment was driven by decreases in male and female full-time employment and female part-time employment.

The number of people unemployed increased by 16,600 people to 728,600 in January, the ABS reported.

The ABS monthly seasonally adjusted aggregate hours worked series increased in January, up 20.5 million hours to 1,635.8 million hours.

The ABS reported the seasonally adjusted labour force participation rate was unchanged at 64.5 per cent in January.

More details are in the January 2014 issue of Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0), as well as the upcoming January 2014 issue of Labour Force, Australia, Detailed (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001) due for release next week on February 20. These publications are available for free download (after release) from the ABS website - www.abs.gov.au.

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